

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SAIGON 08635 180506 Z

16

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12 IO-12

EUR-25 AID-20 DPW-01 RSR-01 /140 W
----- 096857

P R 160721 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1741

INFO USDEL JEC PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 8635

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR MRN VICE MRN 2190 AND PARA 5 A.

E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS PINT PINS MILI VS

SUBJECT CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, MAY 15, 1973

FOLLOWING MSG REC FROM AMCONSUL DANANG ON MAY 15 ACTION
AMEMBASSY SAIGON REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 529

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, VS

SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 107,
MAY 15, 1973

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED RELATIVELY UNCHANGED WITH 13 VIOLATIONS
INCLUDING ONE GROUND ATTACK AND 6 ATTACKS BY FIRE COMPRISING 241
ROUNDS OF INCOMING OF WHICH ALL BUT A SMALL SCATTERING OCCURRED
IN THE AIRBORNE AND 1 ST DIVISION AREAS. ARVN RESPONDED WITH
1,384 ROUNDS OF 105 MM COUNTERMORTAR ARTILLERY FIRE, HALF NORTH
AND HALF SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SAIGON 08635 180506 Z

2. ICCS:

A. SENIOR CANDEL CHU LAI INFORMED AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT COLONEL WARDIMAN, SENIOR INDODEL ICCS REGION II, HAD REPRIMANDED THE SENIOR INDODEL CHU LAI FOR HAVING SIGNED AN INVESTIGATION REPORT DRAFTED BY THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS. SUMMARIZING THE INVESTIGATION IN APRIL OF THE POW CHINOOK SHOOTING (REF DANANG 410), THE REPORT DID NOT PLACE THE BLAME ON THE PRG. SENIOR CANDEL COMMENTED THE CHU LAI INDODEL ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, BUT WAS TOO EASILY TAKEN IN BY THE POLES AND AND HUNGARIANS.

B. SENIOR CANDEL ICCS SUB- REGION TEAM IN CHU LAI INFORMED AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT THE ICCS TEAM INVESTIGATING ATTACKS ON THE TU CUNG RTV SITES IN QUANG NGAI (REF DANANG 503) HAS HAD DIFFICULTY FINDING EVIDENCE OF MORTARING. CANDEL SUGGESTED THAT AREA DIRECTOR CONVINCE COLONEL VGO VAN LOI, PROVINCE CHIEF, TO RESTRAIN OVERLY ZEALOUS NATIONAL POLICE FROM REMOVING EVIDENCE SUCH AS MORTAR FRAGMENTS.

C. POLDEL AND HUNGDEL ACCOMPANIED THEIR CANDEL AND INDODEL COLLEAGUES ON THE SECOND INVESTIGATIVE VISIT TO TU CUNG ON MAY 9. AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI LEARNED THAT AFTER DISPLAYING THEIR USUAL DELAYING TACTICS, POLDEL AND HUNGDEL LEFT THE SITE BEFORE THE INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED IN ORDER TO RETURN TO CHU LAI AND AWAIT A VISIT OF THEIR SUPERIORS.

3. PRISONER RELEASE:

ON MAY 15, I CORPS HEADQUARTERS REPORTED THAT TWELVE PRISONERS WERE RELEASED BY THE PRG IN QUANG NGAI. AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI HAD EARLIER REPORTED THAT A RESCHEDULED RELEASE OF 70 CIVILIANS BY THE PRG DID NOT TAKE PLACE ON MAY 11 AS PLANNED AND THAT THE PRG HAD INDICATED THAT THEY MIGHT RELEASE THESE CIVILIANS UNILATERALLY. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER THE TWELVE PRISONERS JUST RELEASED WERE CIVILIANS FROM THIS GROUP OF 70.

4. GVN ACTIVITIES:

THE GVN CONTINUES TO ASSIGN A HIGH PRIORITY TO THE RE- OPENING OF ROADS IN QUANG NGAI. RECONSTRUCTION ON THE ROAD FROM NGHIA
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 SAIGON 08635 180506 Z

HANH TO MINH LONG IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AND PROVINCE AUTHORITIES PLAN TO RUN A TRUCK CONVOY OVER THIS ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FALL OF 1971. DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR SECURITY, HOWEVER, HAS ADMITTED TO AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI THAT THIS ROAD WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO KEEP FREE OF MINES.

5. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES:

A. INTELLIGENCE GATHERED BY I CORPS FORWARD HEADQUARTERS INDICATES THAT TRUCK MOVEMENT ALONG COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED ROADS NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS INCREASED DURING THEPAST WEEK. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE AREA DIRECTOR HUE BY I CORPS FORWARD ON MAY 14:

NUMBER OF TRUCKS		
	WEEK 5/7 - 5/13	WEEK 4/30 - 5/6
ROUTE		
103	128	69
608	140	0
HIGHWAY 9	308	246
616	91	105
548	101	50
T-7	61	67
547	47	20
GORMAN' S ROAD	21	8
556	33	4
557	3	1
912	92	54

B. QUANG NGAI POLICE REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE TO AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI INDICATE THAT GVN ELEMENTS FOUND IN DUC PHO DISTRICT, 400 BARRELS OF DIESEL FUEL AND GASOLINE, PROBABLY CACHED BY THE NVA AT THE TIME OF THE JANUARY SA HUYNH OFFENSIVE. THIS IS THE SECOND DISCOVERY OF A LARGE ENEMY FUEL CACHE IN THIS AREA LOCATED ABOUT 8 KILOMETERS NORTH OF SA HUYNH.

DUNKERL
WHITEHOUSE

CONFIDENTIAL
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a
*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: willialc
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SAIGON08635
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730546/aaaajgzt.tel
Line Count: 147
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: willialc
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17-Aug-2001 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <04-Oct-2001 by willialc>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 980217
Subject: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, MAY 15, 1973
TAGS: MILI, PINS, PINT, VS, MILI, PINT
To: EA
JEC PARIS
SECSTATE WASHDC
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005